## **FINDING OUR WAY TOOL**

## PRAYING IN SURRENDER

## **REFLECTIONS AS YOU PRAY** PROMPTS FOR PRAYER **INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT** Find a quiet place to reflect. Invite the Holy Spirit to meet with you and bring to mind areas of your life in which you may be clinging to control rather than being open to the Holy Spirit's leading. **INVOKE AWE & WONDER** Remind yourself who God is. Where do you notice Christ in creation? Look around at nature or up to the sky to see glimpses of the world God has made. Acknowledge ways that you are finite and God is infinite. List the imagery or attributes that come to mind. **ARTICULATE PRIORITIES** With God, name things you're prioritizing in this season and worries you may be carrying. List your plans and priorities. Then list your worries and concerns. **OFFER UP ANXIETIES** Consider Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Visualize yourself removing your worries and plans from a backpack you've been carrying and offering each one to Jesus. Repeat a simple prayer of thanksgiving like, "Thank you for carrying my burdens." **COMMIT TO PRAYER** With palms up, sit quietly and listen for words or promises the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Jot them down. Commit to regularly offering your plans and your anxieties to God. Write a note on your calendar, phone, or desk where you will be frequently prompted to surrender control and give your plans, worries, and priorities to God.